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COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS		DATE	March 14, 2007	
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS		DOCKET NO.	2005-385-E 2005-386-E	
UTILITIES MATTERS	\boxtimes			

DOCKET NO. 2005-385-E – <u>Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 – Discuss this matter with the Commission.</u>

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DOCKET NO. 2005-386-E – <u>Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1252 (Smart Metering) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005</u> – Discuss with the Commission a Consent Motion to Consolidate EPAct 2005 Docket Nos. 2005-385-E and 2005-386-E.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The parties in Docket No. 2005-385-E (Net Metering) and Docket No. 2005-386-E (Smart Metering) have filed a Consent Motion to Consolidate these dockets. The grounds for this Consent Motion are that there is commonality of parties, subject matter, and prospective witnesses. I recognize this commonality and desire to accommodate the parties. However, I also recognize that there are separate and distinct issues concerning net metering and smart metering. Although the parties in both dockets are identical, the protestants in these dockets are not identical. Therefore, my motion is a compromise which I think will meet the needs of all concerned. I move that the Commission administratively consolidate Docket Nos. 2005-385-E and 2005-386-E for the purposes of scheduling, such that the same testimony due dates will apply in each docket. However, a separate hearing will be held on each Docket, and the Staff is directed to schedule the hearings sequentially. The hearing in Docket No. 2005-385-E (Net Metering) is to be scheduled first with the hearing in Docket No. 2005-386-E (Smart Metering) to follow immediately. The Commission will rule in each Docket separately and issue an Order in each Docket. I believe that this solution considers both the commonality and distinctiveness of the dockets, provides efficiency in preparation by the parties, and allows the public to participate in the hearing of interest to them.

PRESIDING	Hamilton				Session: Regular
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	Time of Session 2:30 PM
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